

## MET DEATH LIKE A MARTYR

A PROTESTANT CLERGYMAN WAS  
MURDERED BY THE KURDS.

He Urged Upon All His People to Die Like  
Christians—Protestant Church Has Been  
Converted Into a Stable—Many People  
Will Die from Exposure.

London, Dec. 15.—The reporter in Constantinople of the United Press telegraphing under yesterday's date says that advices from the interior show that forced conversions from Christianity to Mohammedanism are occurring everywhere. Women and children have, rather than to lead a life of vagabondage, accepted Islamism, whereupon they have been housed and fed by Turks. In Kaisarea many women, whose protectors had fallen in the massacres, were offered their choice between embracing the tenets of the Koran or being either hacked to pieces or kidnapped. Ostensibly the women accepted Islamism and thus rendered their lives and perhaps their honor secure.

It is now known that perhaps 1,000 persons were killed in the massacres in Kaisarea.

The mutilation of the corpses by the Kurds was frightful.

In Harpoot during the massacres there sixty Christians fled to a church for shelter. They were permitted for a time to believe themselves secure, but suddenly the church was surrounded by a great number of Kurds. The doors were then blown in and the Kurds took the Christians, one at a time, outside and there, heedless of the cries for mercy from the women and children, killed them either by shooting or stabbing them. The first victim was the Protestant pastor of the church, who had the others to die as Christians. He met death like a martyr. Some of the refugees in the agony of terror offered to accept Islamism, but their enemies after accepting dragged the converts out and killed them. The Armenian church has been turned into a mosque and the Protestant church into a stable.

In Kaisarea the soldiers joined in the looting that accompanied the massacres. Van and Trebizonde are rapidly filling with refugees from the pillaged villages adjacent to those cities. Hundreds of women, almost completely exhausted from fear and lack of food, have reached Van and Trebizonde. Their condition is most deplorable. They have been robbed of about everything they possessed. Large numbers of them were barefooted and the only covering they had for their bodies were thin chemises, which furnished no protection against the inclement weather.

There is no doubt that many who escaped death at the hands of the Kurds will die from the effects of the exposure they have undergone, while many others will fall victims of starvation. The prompt aid that can reach the sufferers from foreign countries will not avail to prevent an enormous death list from these cause, but unless aid is promptly furnished from some quarter the deaths from famine will reach an appalling number.

London, Dec. 15.—The Daily News publishes a dispatch from Constantinople confirming the statement of the representative of the United Press in that city regarding the number of Christians killed in the massacres on November 30 at Kaisarea. The dispatch says that the gendarmes joined the marauders in outraging women and girls. There is no doubt that the pillaging was done under direct orders from the government. All details of the massacre, giving the names of the victims, etc., are in the hands of the representatives of the powers who find it useless to remonstrate with the Porte. The Sultan is of the opinion that the European concert is a mere feint.

The dispatch adds that the tragedy at Zitoun is rapidly approaching its final state. The statement that the Armenians at Zitoun attacked the mosque and burned their villages is an absolute lie, invented by the Arab Izzet to alienate European sympathy. The lie means that the doom of the Armenians at Zitoun is sealed. The Sultan will order them to be exterminated without delay.

The softies intended to make a demonstration against the palace on Thursday last, but the police prevented it by arresting many of the intending participants.

It is reported that there has been a further massacre at Kaisarea, but no further confirmation can be had and no details are given.

The Standard has a dispatch from Constantinople which declares that the continuance of the massacres proves that the Sultan while promising the powers that effect reforms is acting with his pen hand for the extermination of the Armenians. People in Constantinople cannot understand how the united powers hesitate to end this state of things, which is due to the perversity and wickedness of a small clique when instant intervention would be welcomed by the whole Turkish nation.

## Was a Terrible Battle.

Havana, Dec. 15.—A terrible combat took place on December 9 at Mines, in Puerto Principe, between eighty Spanish troops under Gueza and a party of rebels, numbering five hundred, commanded by Lopez Reolo and Rodriguez. The struggle was a sanguinary one, the rebels using machettes with terrible effect. The superior force of the enemy rendered a victory for the troops impossible. Of the Spanish force twenty-four were killed, eight wounded, eighteen were taken prisoners and fourteen missing.

## Noted Man Dead.

Orange, N. J., Dec. 15.—Addison A. Jayne, a noted man in the old abolition times, died here last night, aged eighty-three. His house was formerly one of the stations of the "underground railroad."

## THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS.

## Expected Announcement of Committees Will Be Made.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The third week of the senate will open with that body no better equipped for the transaction of business than on the day congress first assembled, although it is more than probable that before this week it out cautions committees will have agreed and the committees will have passed into the hands of the republicans. If the suggestions of some of the younger senators are followed it is not impossible that this week may find the senate testing the strength of the two parties over the subject of the reorganization of the elective officers.

To-morrow Mr. Stewart will make his first speech. Thursday he introduced a resolution to direct the finance committee to inquire what effect the differences of exchange between gold standard and silver standard countries has upon the agricultural and manufacturing industries and report by bill or otherwise.

Senator Hill takes issue with Senator Cullom on his conclusions relative to the Monroe doctrine, and may address the senate on the resolution now on the table early in the week, possibly to-morrow. Senator White, who last week offered an amendment that all debate shall be relevant and confined to the subject before the senate, will speak on the resolution Tuesday. It is one of the many propositions now pending to change the rules of the senate with a view of limiting debate.

The receipt of Secretary Carlisle's report to-morrow will be the signal for the flood gates to open. Several senators, among them Mr. Sherman, are preparing to discuss the money portion of the president's message, but have kept silent pending the report which is supplemental to the recommendations. Mr. Sherman will hardly be prepared to speak this week, but it would not cause surprise if a discussion were precipitated at any time.

## HE HAS NO CHOICE.

## Chairman Harrity Wants a Convenient City Selected.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Chairman Harrity when questioned about the story that he favored New York for the next democratic convention said:

"I have no personal or political choice as to the convention city other than that I should like to see a city selected that would be reasonably convenient of access to the delegates and others who will attend, and which by reason of its hotel accommodations would be able to provide for the comfort of those present."

As to the time: "It seems to me impracticable to hold the convention later than the latter part of June or the beginning of July, although some may contend for the latter date. If the nominations were made in the first week of July it would make a campaign of four months. The first month would be necessarily devoted to preliminary work in which the public would take no interest."

Mr. Harrity declined to express an opinion as to the Collins resolution limiting the number of persons in the convention hall to delegates, alternates, committeemen and the press. It is understood, however, that he personally favors making accommodations for a reasonable number of visitors and is convinced there is no reason to deviate from the plan pursued heretofore.

## ON MONEY ISSUE ALONE.

## Silver Advocate Warner Talks Regarding the Coming Conference.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—General Warner of Ohio, the free silver advocate, to-day consulted with the officers of the National Bimetallist league regarding the conference to be held by the upholders of the sixteen to one idea in Washington January 22. General Warner afterwards said:

"The object of the January conference is to decide the question of calling a conference to nominate candidates for president and vice president on the money issue alone. The people will have an opportunity to come way express squarely the views at the ballot box on establishing permanently the gold standard in this country or returning to gold and silver."

## Will Appeal the Case.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 15.—Agent Hagahast of the Adams Express company at Hastings was yesterday convicted in the federal court of selling whiskey without a license. Sentence has not been pronounced. This case will cause a revolution in methods of express companies throughout the country. The federal law requires all persons handling spirits to have a license. Brewers save thousands of dollars by billing orders direct to express companies who collect and remit. Under this ruling they will be forced to take out licenses for all distributing points, however small, and will not be permitted to depend on express companies. The case will be appealed.

## DEATH BY ASPHYXIATION

MAN FOUND DEAD IN HIS ROOM AT  
THE CENTRAL HOUSE.

Registered as Edward Harvey of This City—Thought to Have Been an Assumed Name—His Remains Unidentified at the Morgue—Smith Was Found Dead in Police Lockup.

The Central house on Church street, near Crown, was again yesterday the scene of another case of asphyxiation and the circumstances surrounding the case point to suicide. About 10 o'clock Saturday night a man went to the hotel and after registering as Edward Harvey, paid thirty-five cents for his lodging and was assigned to room 18.

The stranger went upstairs with the clerk of the hotel, was shown the room and expressed himself as perfectly satisfied with it. A short time after he came down stairs and told the clerk he was going to the theater. He then went out and returning about midnight went directly to his room and this was the last seen of his alive.

About 10:20 o'clock yesterday morning the clerk of the hotel detected the smell of escaping gas and after a thorough investigation located it as coming from room 18, which had been assigned to Harvey, the night previous. It was but the work of a few moments to force open the door and when the fumes of the gas had been dispelled so that the clerk could enter the room, he found Harvey's body on the floor dead. Medical Examiner White was immediately notified and after investigating the circumstances ordered the removal of the body to Lewis & Maycock's morgue.

Here later in the day a thorough examination was made of the man's clothing and in his pockets was found a check for a seat in the dress circle at the Grand Opera house, showing that he had been there Saturday night, four circulars describing a patent fruit holder, on each of which had been written with a lead pencil "For sale by F. W. Wright, East Hampton, Conn.," a new blank book, unused, a small money wrench, but no pocketbook and no money. With the exception of these articles there was nothing among the effects which would throw any light upon the identity of the dead man.

All the indications point to the fact that the man had sought death at his own hands and had deliberately turned on the gas. The gas cock which was in perfect working order was turned on full head and from the conditions of the room and the remains it is conjectured that Harvey had either blown out or turned on the gas, directed himself of his coat and thrown himself upon the bed, which had been mussed, and had during the night fallen off on to the floor. When he went to his room at midnight he was apparently perfectly sober.

The remains, which are at Lewis & Maycock's awaiting identification, are those of a man about fifty years old, 5 feet 6 inches in height, weight 160 pounds, broad face with large protruding nose, good teeth, red mustache, blue eyes and brown hair. When found the man had on three pairs of socks, a pair of cheap drawers, black ribbed striped trousers, two gray wrappers, a white shirt, a blue striped jumper, two vests, a diagonal coat and a well worn overcoat. He also wore a fur cap, in which on the band was worked "C. F. Fray." There was also in the cap a rebate check issued by the Air Line division of the Consolidated railroad, showing that the man had ridden from Middletown to New Haven Saturday. Up to a late hour last night the remains had not been identified. Medical Examiner White has not yet decided whether the case is one of suicide or not.

**FOUND DEAD IN THE LOCKUP.**  
Nathan Smith, sixty-six years old, was found dead in the lockup at the Grand avenue precinct at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. Smith was a tailor and lived in the annex. Last Thursday he came into the city, got drunk and was arrested by Officers McKee and Linsley. As he had never been arrested before, in accordance with the usual custom, he was discharged from custody the next morning.

Saturday noon Smith was again found at the corner of Grand avenue and East street, helplessly drunk by Officer St. Clair and taken to the Grand avenue precinct. After he had been locked up several hours he sobered up and during the evening was apparently as comfortable and contented as any of the other prisoners. During the night he made no complaint of not feeling well and went to sleep about midnight and so far as is known never woke again.

About 6 o'clock yesterday morning Sergeant Bradley went into the lockup to wake up the prisoners who were entitled to a discharge and was surprised that Smith did not respond to the summons. A close examination of the body, which was lying stretched at full length upon the bench, showed that Smith was dead. The body was still warm, establishing the fact that death had occurred but a short time before.

Medical Examiner White was promptly notified and after a thorough investigation decided that death was due to heart disease, superinduced by acute alcoholism. Late yesterday afternoon the remains were taken in charge by John Fitzsimmons of the annex, with whom Smith had lived, and removed to his late home. The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed. So far as could be learned last night Smith had no relatives in this city.

## DIED AT SPRINGSIDE HOME.

Thomas Hopcroft, an Englishman, died at Springside home yesterday, aged sixty-six years, after a lengthy illness from asthma. Hopcroft had been an inmate of the institution for six months and leaves a widow, who resides in this city.

## PRESIDENT G. STANLEY HALL.

Address Before Men's Club at United Church Last Evening—Interesting Results Obtained in Investigations at Clark University—Heir Application to Sunday School Work—Judge Baldwin to Speak Next Sunday.

President G. Stanley Hall of Clark University, Worcester, Mass., spoke under the auspices of the Men's club at the United church last evening to a large audience.

The subject of the address was "Pedagogical Methods in Sunday School Work," the address itself being in part the results reached by extensive investigations made at Clark university, which have brought great credit to that institution in the last few years.

For the purpose of finding the origin of such emotions as fear, anger and the common love of objects in nature, over 600,000 inquiries were sent out to people of mature mind as to their early childish impressions of these. The answers which were received and classified revealed many interesting and startling facts and was found that among the most common objects of childish fear is the fear of fur, teeth, eyes, air and water. This fear of one or the other of the objects named seems to be innate in the childish mind.

Another rather startling fact shown there are quite a large number of people who formed the habit of paying adoration to the sun, moon or stars in their childhood and of even saying their prayers to these rather than to God; others have a fetish like reverence for stones. Thus the childish mind is seen to follow after and imitate that of the primitive man. President Hall describes these early formed emotions of the child mind the rudimentary organs of the mind which are analogous to the tail of the tadpole or the milk teeth. By experiment it has been found that the attempt to hasten the development of the legs of the frog by cutting off its rudimentary tail has the opposite effect of dwarfing and atrophying its legs. So in the attempt to hasten the growth of the child's mind at the expense of these rudimentary organs of the mind, the mind of child falls of its perfect development. In avoiding this bad result it would be better to use more tact in Sunday school teaching, and let the childish mind develop its love of parents or, perhaps, of reverence for the moon in its first rudimentary growth.

The chief point in the development of a religious nature in children is to inoculate a deep strong love of nature, for it is upon nature that art, literature, science and religion are based, and to day base matter has been almost glorified by the work of science.

There is, however, a danger of over use of these rudimentary organs of the mind. The period when the child reaches adolescence is of the greatest importance in the training of youth, for it is then that the mind expands and matures very rapidly. It is the most sacred trust to bring to maturity, the human mind. The glow of childhood and youth should be oneness with nature, and the glory of parents and children should be oneness with children and nature.

The service of the Men's Sunday Evening club next week will be commemorative of Forerunners' day. Judge Simon E. Baldwin will give the address. His subject will be "The New Haven Pilgrims."

## Reached to Prevent Sinking.

Liverpool, Dec. 15.—While approaching the landing stage here this evening the British steamer Indiana, from Philadelphia, collided with the fruit-laden steamer Zamora, which was lying at anchor. The Indiana had a large hole made in her port side abaft her bulkhead. Her passengers were quickly landed and the hole stopped up with mattresses, etc. She was then towed to the shore side of the river, where she was patched to prevent her sinking. The Zamora sustained no damage.

## A Tremendous Audience Present.

Bridgeport, Dec. 15.—Dr. Joseph Pullman, of libel suit notoriety, preached a sermon to a tremendous audience. About four-fifths of those in the congregation were not members of the church, and had evidently gone to the church for the purpose of hearing something sensational. Dr. Pullman has not had such a large congregation since his sermon on the Concordia ball. Dr. Pullman's remarks were not extended, and he announced that it had not been his intention to say anything, but in view of the glorious numbers of the audience he felt called upon to say something. He spoke substantially as follows: "If I could have such large audiences as this right along I would be willing to get arrested once a week. I want it distinctly understood that I am afraid of nothing. I do not care for arrests, slander suits, libel suits, and I do not mind going to jail if I may take my Bible with me." Dr. Pullman read a letter from a clergyman in Boston, expressing sympathy and extending congratulations. Dr. Pullman closed his remarks by promising on next Sunday night to preach a sermon upon the theater and its evils.

## Jackson-Lockwood.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Daisy L. Jackson, daughter of J. A. Jackson, the well known hotel and restaurant keeper of this city, to W. F. H. Lockwood of Greenwich, son of Hanford Lockwood, formerly president of the Greenwich bank. Over 150 invitations have been sent out for the ceremony, which will be performed at the Hotel Majestic Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The decorations are furnished by a prominent New York florist.

After the ceremony the bride and groom will take an extended trip south.

## WAS PACKED TO THE DOORS

AN IMMENSE TEMPERANCE RALLY  
HELD LAST EVENING.

At the Grand Opera House Under the Auspices of the Central Total Abstinence Union—A Brilliant Address by Mrs. Leonora M. Lake of St. Louis.

The first grand temperance rally of the Central Total Abstinence union of this city was held at the Grand opera house last evening. The large opera house was taxed to its utmost capacity to accommodate the immense throng which assembled to hear Mrs. Leonora M. Lake of St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Lake's address amply rewarded them and she was frequently interrupted by outbursts of applause.

Her address was preceded by a short program which consisted of literary and musical selections. The first number was "America" by St. Mary's Sunday school choir, followed by a recitation by Miss Irene Everts entitled "Flying Jim's Last Leap." She was roundly applauded. In response she recited "A Sudden Cure."

Next came a song by a very pretty little child, Julia Barton, who sang "Tag, You're It." The little one sang in a pretty, catchy way and completely won the audience. In response to the encore she recited a little poem entitled "I am a Little Temperance Girl."

Miss Helen McGowan followed with a recitation entitled "Smiling the Rock."

The children of St. Mary's Sunday school followed with "The Red, White and Blue."

Mr. B. E. Lynch, chairman of the committee on arrangements, in a few well chosen words introduced Mrs. Lake, the speaker of the evening. Mrs. Lake's address was in part as follows: "Doubtless many of the advocates who have spoken in the cause of temperance often do account of the same in the channel in which thoughts run, repeat the arguments of each other. I will try as much as possible to avoid the beaten paths in which temperance lectures usually follow."

"I think that all that is necessary to work the end for which temperance workers are moving is that we must appeal to man's conscience and thus arouse him to work, to a realization of his duty to God and to his neighbor, and no man is true to his God who is not true to his neighbor."

"Our first duty is to know, love and serve God, and our next duty is to love our neighbor. I believe that the license as it now exists is the result of carelessness. I believe that the persons who first conceived the license system recognized in the liquor traffic a danger. Again, they so thought when they regulated it so that no saloon should be licensed within a certain distance of the church door and school door. Why not, then, in God's name, is it not kept safely distant from the door of the home?"

"The moderate drinker is the greatest stumbling block that civilization has to contend with. He is the man who sets the example which the boys follow and emulate until they end up the hideous wrecks specimens of which we see daily."

"Guard well the home of childhood, and bring them up in the fear of God and set them an example. Join a temperance society, and set them that strong example."

Mrs. Lake will lecture in West Haven to-night in the town hall, which closes her tour of lecturing.

Among those on the stage were ex-Mayor Joseph B. Sargent, Clarence E. Thompson of West Haven, Captain Lovejoy of the local Keely league, Dr. Swift, president of the local Keely league; Mr. A. Dewey, president of Harmony division, S. of T.; Mrs. Sweet, Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie, Miss Mary Moran, president of the St. Agnes T. A. B. society; Mr. Patrick Kent, Major Maher, Henry E. Norris, Henry Healy, James Moakley, James Brennan, James F. Gimcheon, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reilly, John E. McGowan, Thomas F. Meagher, James D. Hilsop, Hon. James Gallagher, Mr. Thomas Murray, Mr. James F. Scott and John F. Mealla.

## Evidence of Foul Play.

Northampton, Mass., Dec. 15.—Medical Examiner Winslow has made an autopsy on the body of Mrs. John O'Neill, who died suddenly last night. Death was caused by strangulation and brain injury. There are evidences of foul play and the husband has been arrested on suspicion.

## Engagement Announced.

Bridgeport, Dec. 15.—The engagement is announced of Miss Kittle Sanford, daughter of Prof. Samuel B. Sanford, of the musical department of Yale, to Victor Emanuel Thorne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Thorne of New York city. Miss Sanford is the granddaughter of Henry Sanford, ex-president of the Adams Express company. Some years ago Miss Sanford was the object of attentions from Sir Robert Peel, the English baronet. His attentions were not favorably received, and they ceased. Miss Sanford met her fiancé, who is a brother of S. Brinkerhoff Thorne, captain of this year's football eleven, at the Thorne summer residence at Black Rock.

## Whole Train Passed Over Him.

Quincy, Mass., Dec. 15.—Charles E. Campbell, a brakeman on the night freight of the New York, New Haven and Hartford road, was killed at the Squantum street bridge last night. It is supposed that Campbell was knocked from the cars by the bridge. Near the whole train passed over him. But little is known of the unfortunate man, as he had been on the road but a short time. He was about forty years of age.

## CONVOCATION

## Of the Episcopal Clergy of New Haven County.

The convocation of the clergy of New Haven county will be held at St. Paul's in January, probably the 25th. In the morning there will be, with the holy communion, the convocation sermon. In the afternoon Rev. Mr. Phillips will read an essay on "The Mystery of the Incarnation," and a text of Holy Scripture, "We have an altar, etc.," Heb. xiii. 10, will be discussed. In the evening it is proposed to have three addresses on "Organizations Within the Church, of Men, of Women, of Boys." Colonel Jacob L. Greene of Hartford, president of the Church club of the diocese of Connecticut, has accepted the first subject and Rev. Dr. Douglas the second.

Rev. Mr. Lusk of North Haven opens the discussion of the text. Rev. Mr. Buckley of Waterbury makes the third address in the evening. All of these sessions of convocation are open to all who are disposed to come.

## PERSONAL.

Mr. W. Brastow Smith, a New Haven young gentleman, son of the late Dr. J. H. Smith, who was for over thirty years a prominent New Haven dentist, is meeting with marked success upon the theatrical stage, having filled numerous engagements with great success and his work having received the warm commendation of some of the leading names in the theatrical world of to-day in this country, who have pronounced it not only worthy of praise, but as giving evidence that Dame Fortune has some prizes in store for him in the profession, in preparing for which he has given much conscientious study under some of the best masters in the country. In Boston a year ago he took a minor part without rehearsal in "Captain Paul," playing at the Castle Square theater. Minnie Seligman was the leading star of the company. He was an honored guest at William Hall's, where he had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett. After a couple of months' stay in Boston he went to New York, where, at the invitation of Mrs. Oldcastle, played very successfully at a matinee at the Garden theater. He also played in the Sporting Duchess company this season with celebrated artists. He has received substantial encouragement and endorsement from leading sources, and is altogether making excellent progress.

Miss Eunice K. Armistead wishes to express her gratitude to Miss Frances Barney and Mr. Charles Wyle, the authors of the bright comedy, "Mrs. Billings' Companions," and also to the other ladies and gentlemen who so admirably produced it Friday evening at Harmonie hall. All of them have given generously of their time and talent to aid the special charity under her charge—a sick and helpless people. She also thanks the press and many others who have so kindly helped her in this cause.

## BURGLARS AGAIN AT WORK.

House of C. F. Keckley Entered Last Night and Silver Ware Stolen.  
While C. F. Keckley and his family of 138 Spring street were out last evening about 8 o'clock burglars succeeded in effecting an entrance into his house and got away with a silver sugar bowl, seven silver teaspoons and a silver butter dish. The burglars completely ransacked the house from top to bottom, and had a quantity of silverware wrapped up for removal, but were frightened off in the midst of their work, and did not succeed in getting away with much booty.

The burglars first succeeded in getting into the cellar and tried to force the door into the living apartments but were unsuccessful. They then went to the outside and forced open a window on the first floor and succeeded in effecting an entrance in that way. The burglars were frightened off by the return of one of the members of the family.

## OF LOCAL INTEREST.

John B. Douglass, firm of Lynch & Douglass, attorneys of Bridgeport, who died Saturday, graduated from Yale law school about fifteen years ago. He was a very popular man.

Fire Saturday noon destroyed the ice houses belonging to the New Haven Ice company located near Lake Salton-stall in East Haven. The same day the ice houses on Derby Hill, Derby, were destroyed by fire.

Handsome cards of invitation have been issued by the president and directors of the First National bank for the inspection of their new banking room and building on Church street on Thursday, December 19, from 3 until 9 p. m.

Chicago university has just received \$1,000,000. The donor is Miss Helen Culver of Chicago, about sixty years of age. She was housekeeper for her uncle, Charles J. Hull, a wealthy real estate agent, who died some years ago and left her \$5,000,000.

Charles E. Turner of Waterbury, the new paymaster of the Second regiment, C. N. G., is head of the large dry goods firm of E. T. Turner & Co., of which his father, Senator Turner, was formerly manager. He is a member of the republican state central committee.

## Exhorted to Be Loyal.

Kiel, Dec. 15.—Emperor William arrived here at 8 this morning for the purpose of attending the ceremony of swearing in a number of naval recruits. His majesty exhorted the recruits to be good Christians and loyal to their emperor and fatherland. He referred to the victories achieved by the Germans in 1870 and said he trusted the recruits were ready to win similar victories. After lunch the emperor inspected the imperial dockyard. He dined aboard the warship Sachsen.

## FOR FREEDOM OF IRELAND

MOVEMENT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF  
IRISH-AMERICAN ARMY.

Companies Are to Be Formed All Over the Country the Controlling Power of Which is the Clan-na-Gael—The Inner Workings Are Conducted With Great Secrecy.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—A special from New York says: What is said to be a movement for the establishment of an Irish-American army for the liberation of Ireland came to a head last week, when the tenth and last company was organized for the new Irish regiment of New York city, which is designed to be the parent organization of others to be formed all over the country. The inner workings of this movement are conducted with the greatest secrecy. The controlling power back of the movement is the secret organization of the Clan-na-Gael.

Every member of the military organization must be a member of a Clan-na-Gael lodge. Each lodge is to organize a military club which furnishes a military company of men selected with the utmost care. Each applicant must be a Catholic. Every member is sworn to uphold the Irish cause and it is an unwritten law of the Clan-na-Gael that death is the penalty for treachery.

The money for the support of the military is to be furnished by the Clan-na-Gael lodges. In the large cities where there are numerous lodges regiments are to be formed and companies in the smaller places where there are only one or two lodges. Organizations are now in process of formation in Brooklyn, Boston, Philadelphia, several places in Connecticut and in Chicago and will also be begun in other cities.

The official designation of the New York regiment is the "First Irish Volunteers." The uniform is that of the United States army and drills are now being held in the Grand Central Palace. Not the least important feature of the regiment is to be an engineer branch, formed of men who will make a study of mining operations and the use of explosives.

## A Fight in Prospect.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 15.—Fitzsimmons and Maher will surely fight near El Paso February 14 unless a hitch occurs within twelve hours. Dan Stuart reached Dallas from New York last night, and at once put himself in telegraphic communication with Martin Julian and Fitzsimmons at Houston, Tex., in regard to the proposed fight. The tone of the replies to Stuart's telegrams was so satisfactory that he departed from Dallas to-night to meet Julian and his man at Houston. If no obstacles are entered to-morrow Stuart will take Fitzsimmons out on the Gulf of Mexico far enough to be beyond the jurisdiction of the state and formally sign the agreements necessary to clinch the heavyweight championship match.

## Another Storm Raging.

St. John's, N. F., Dec. 15.—Another storm is raging to-day. Steamers are unable to leave and there is no prospect of vessels of the coast making land while the storm continues. Over twenty local vessels carrying from five to ten men each are overdue, having been out during the whole gale.

## Ran Away With Money.

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 15.—George W. Cammon, the agent at Farmersburg, fifteen miles from here of the Evansville and Terre Haute road, also of Adams Express, has run away and taken from \$2,500 to \$4,000, mostly of the money entrusted to the express company.

## Want to Become Lawyers.

Martin Conlan, Charles M. Fabrique, Judson S. Hall and Walter S. Miller have filed notice with Clerk Ankettell of the superior court of their intentions to apply for admission to the New Haven County bar, and a special meeting of the bar of the county will be held in this city next Friday morning at 10 o'clock to take action upon the applications.

## Saloon Keepers Arrested.

John Mortell, a saloon keeper at 563 Grand avenue was arrested yesterday by Officers McKee and Linsley, charged with violation of the Sunday liquor law. In the saloon was found Patrick O'Keefe, who formerly kept the saloon and sold out recently to Mortell. He was also arrested and both will be tried in the city court this morning.

## DEATH OF OLIVER BLAKESLEE.

## Was a Well Known and Respected Old New Haven Man—Died in Durham Yesterday.

Oliver Blakeslee, an old and well known resident of this city for many years, who had just passed his eightieth birthday, and who worked for the New Haven Steam Heating company for over thirty years, died yesterday morning at his home in Durham, where he had been living for the last four years. He and his wife moved to Durham about four years ago. He was taken with a second shock of paralysis about three weeks ago and since then had gradually failed. He was an old resident of William street and at one time resided for years at 634 State street. He attended the First Baptist church. He leaves, beside his wife, three sons—Professor A. C. Blakeslee of the Institute for the Blind at Lansing, Mich., who was here last summer on a visit; also Oliver D. Blakeslee of Meriden and Charles Blakeslee of Columbus, O., who is with the M. C. Lillie company, regalia manufacturers. The deceased was a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America.